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IN FOND MEMORY: DANIEL TRUBE, May 16, 54; big band musician...JAMES GOLDEN, May 17, 66; jazz pianist...D'ARVILLE MARTIN, May 28, 45; film & tv actor, producer...DICK CHEVILLAT, May 10, 78; radio-tv-film comedy writer (J. Berny, Sealtest Village Store)...DANIEL FORTUS, May 19, 31; actor/singer...VICK KNIGHT, May 17, 75; writer-producer-director on radio (Eddie Cantor, Fred Allen)...TERRY O. MORSE, May 19, 78; director...WALTER KLAUVN, Apr. 13, 77; stage & screen actor...GEORGE GIVOT, Jun 7, 81; film radio char. actor...MEREDITH WILSON, Jun 15, 82; well-known composer...JANOS FERENCSEK, Jun 13, 77; Hungarian composer...RUTH RENICK, May 7, 91 and ANN LITTLE, May 21, 93; both silent screen actresses...SUNNY JOHNSON, Jun 20, 30; actress...RICHARD DURHAM, Apr 26, 67; writer, producer, (radio & tv)...ALAN BERG, Jun 18, 50; Denver talk-show host...PAUL HOWARD, Jun 18, 75; member of Grand Ole Opry...CARL FOREMAN, Jun 26, 69; screenwriter, producer...WILLIAM KEIGHLEY, Jun 24, 94; director; second host on Lux Radio Theater 1945-55...NED GLASS, Jun 15, 78; char. actor...VICK KNIGHT, SR. 75; producer & director (radio)...LILLIAN HELLMAN, Jun 30, 79; leading Amer. playwright...ALBERT DAILEY, Jun 26, 46; jazz pianist AIDA WARD, Jun 23, 84; nightclub & radio singer of 20's & 30's ("I Can't Give You Anything But Love")...DON ELLIOTT, Jul 5, 57; jazz musician, composer...KENNY DELMAR, Jul 14, 73; well-known, very well-liked radio personality; Kenny was a guest at our Convention in 1981. A tribute by Anthony Tollin appears later on in this issue...PHILIPPE WYNNE, Jul 14, 43; singer in soul group (Spinners)...BUD REDDING, Jul 19; composer-lyricist ("End of a Love Affair")...JEFF PARKER, Jul 6, 50; actor...ROBERT SPANGLER, Jul 15, 77; drummer...JOHN MURRAY, Jun 17, 78; playwright & lyricist ("If I Love Again")...THERESE LEWIS, Jun 28, 72; radio & tv writer (Theater Guild of the Air)...JOCK MacGREGOR, Feb 14; well-known radio producer & director (Nick Carter, Myst. Traveler)...FRED WARING, Jul 29, 84; well-known musician-choral conductor...JAMES MASON, July 27, 75; well-known actor.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Tape Squeal, June; article on Amos & Andy--Was It Racist?...On the Air; May-June; articles on: tips for beginners; books on Sherl. Holmes...The Golden Years of Radio & TV; #4; articles on TV westerns...SPERDVAC, July; article on AFRS; also info. about their convention, Nov. 9-11.

BOOKS: Scarecrow Press. Box 656, Metuchen, N.J. 08840, publishes many books on the performing arts. Some just received are:

1. Television Drama Series. Programming: A Comprehensive Chronicle by Larry Gianakos, 1980-82; 686 pp, 1983; \$45.00. 4th in a series, the most comprehensive volume yet. All dramatic series & specials are chronicled in detail, episode by episode. Many useful appendices & updates on previous volumes.

2. Actors' Television Credits. Supplement 11: 1977-81, by James Parish & Vincent Terrace; 337 pp, 1982; \$22.50. Third in a series that chronicle all performances of many actors on TV. Also many updates on previous volumes.



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3. Radio Soundtracks: by Michael Pitts; 169 pages, 1976, \$13.00. This is a comprehensive listing of available radio programs on tape and LP's in the 70's. Book also includes a general history of hundreds of radio shows including network origin, date of broadcast, cast and availability. Sources include dealers active in the 70's. (Specific dealers not mentioned.) Some sources mentioned are Charles Michelson, Indiana Recording Club, Charles Ingersoll. Some record companies include Radiola, Memorabilia, Mark-56. All books are recommended.

THE TAPE DECK: Broadcast Engineering, June, had article on places preserving communications technology. Those mentioned were Ampex Museum in Redwood City, Cal; Broadcast Pioneers Library in Washington, D.C.; Nat. Broadcast Museum in Dallas, Tx.; Forest Hills Wireless Museum in Forest Hills, N.Y.; Museum of Broadcasting in N.Y.C. If you want addresses of any of these, please send SASE.

NEW ADDRESSES: James Coontz, Box 7390, Van Nuys, Cal. 91409; Ed Duplissie, #502-7360, Halifax St., Barnaby, B.C., Canada, USA 1 M4.

HERE & THERE: New Friends: Don Miller, 368 Three Mile Course, Guilford, Ct. 06437...Jim Branum, Pleasant Hill, Rt 3, Box 108, Bountville, Tenn. 37617... H. Alipounarian (c/o Dow Equipment), 1310-12th St., No. Bergen, N.J. 07047... Jim Aldred, RR3, Box 2228, Paulding, Oh. 45879...Steven Feinberg, 3815 Atlantic Ave., Seagate, N.Y. 11224, wants WHNS (NY) show called "The Unknown" narrated by the voice in the night...Michael Keenan, 100 Bleeker St., #17B, NYC 10012... Maj.Mark Victorson, MTMC, Bremerhaven, TML, APO, NY 08069...Richard Kiwacz, 67-05A 223rd Pl., Bayside, NY 11364...Anthony Smith, 1414 Lynnview Dr., Houston, Tx. 77055; Philip Hieberman, 8 S. Hazel St., Tunkhannock, Pa. 18657, is looking for someone to buy a freelance article he wrote about Bob Steele, morning man on WTIC, in Hartford, Ct. for over 40 years...William Coombs, Box 770273, Houston, Tx. 77215... Brad Ashton, 7 Abbotshall Ave., Southgate, London, N14 7JU, England. Brad has available 3000 hours - mostly comedy - including all available J. Benny. Has 3 (fair) P. L. Hayes and Mary Healey. Wants better copies. Wrote "How to Write Comedy", available from David & Charles Publ. in Vermont. Wants to trade. Brad has written for BBC, including Goon Show...Lloyd Scott, Jr., P.O. Drawer 1729, Bartow, Fla. 33830. Lloyd has an addition to his house in which he has an AM/FM control room with vintage equipment, plus other radio equipment. Lloyd wants scripts, transcriptions, station logs, photos, etc.

HERE & THERE: Old Friends: Roger Kelting, 196 Green Manor Rd., Enfield, Ct. 06082, has various things for sale: Dick Tracy Secret Service Patrol Pin (1938), Price: \$8.00; Dick Tracy Pocket Flashlight (plastic), Price \$20; Speed Gibson I.S.P. Pin, Price: \$3.00; Gene Autry Pin, Price: \$3.00; Renfrew of the Mountain Pin, Price: \$4.00; Tom Mix Make Up Tin (b & white, empty), Price: \$10; Sky King Magni-glo Writing Ring (1949), Price: \$50; Sky King Radar Signal Ring (1948?), Price: \$75; Lone Ranger Flashlight Ring (1948), Price: \$45; Superman Code Card (late 30's or early 40's), Price: \$20; Jack Armstrong Pedometer (1941), Price: \$15; Sherlock Holmes Card Game complete with instr. (Parker Bros copyright 1904), Price: \$25; Kellogg's PEP Military Insignia Pins (32 pins of a set of 36, set in a display case), Price: \$150; Cracker Jack Presidential Coins (12 different with 3 duplications), Price: \$5.00; Shredded Wheat Coloring Picture Story Cards of all nations (37 cards/no dups.), Price: \$10....Joe Hickerson (brother), Box 15262, Wash., D.C. 20003, wants any material (records, Airchecks), by Red Ingle, esp. "Get off the Floor Hannah"....Ruth McNeil, Box 2634, Bev. Hills, Cal. 90213, wants J. Dunnings Book, "Tune in Yesterday"....Lawrence Rao, 1213 E. 88th St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236, has for trade or sale: WNBC-AM Radio Special - 6/3/84, 30 min. "A Day On The Beach--June 6, 1944", and WCBS-AM Radio Special - 6/6/84 60 min. "D-Day Plus Forty", W/D. Edwards. (Many rare historical news excerpts, and, according to Larry, is "superb")....Lee Munsick, 20 Harriet Dr., Whippany, N.J. 07981, wants material on Arthur Godfrey & associates - any time period, any







field, for book on Godfrey's life. Also video cassettes on Godfrey or Big Band items. Will trade or copy VHS or Beta....Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Ave., Westchester, Ill. 60153, wants tape of original Babar the Elephant (with Celeste) - 78's or LP reissue....Thomas Heathwood, 22 Broadlawn St. Chestnut Hill, Ma. 02167, wants tapes of shows recreated at our conventions for his radio show on WTTP (1060 AM; M-F 6-7pm). Also, if anyone wants to donate any material, will give full air credit. Bartering also available...Laura Lee (Jack Benny Fan Club Pres.) 1620 Old Town Dr., S.E., Gr. Rapids, Mich. 49508, is resuming putting out a newsletter (Jack Benny Times). Laura is an energetic & dedicated young lady & I recommend joining the fan club...Misty Dawn Lane, 1177 Harrington Ave., N.E. #202, Renton, Wash. 98056, has revamped her library and is retyping her catalog. Will be ready by Sept. 1st -- has over 350 reels -- will trade individual shows -- big selection

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: H. E. Harris Stamp Company in Boston, donated in March several vintage radio shows, mostly about stamps, to a new museum of early Boston radio & advertising. The transcriptions were transferred to tape by Heritage Recording (Tom Heathwood)....Chuck Schaden now has his OTR show on WAIT-AM 820, Chicago, M-F, 7-11pm. Still on WNIB-FM 97.1, Chicago, Sat. 1-5pm...NPR has shelved "Doc Savage" temporarily for lack of funds....Bob & Ray made their first stage appearance in 14 years at Carnegie Hall on May 31st and June 2nd -- very well received....Florence Williams recently appeared in "The Gin Game" at the Camden (Me) Opera House to excellent reviews.

#### LATE NEWS:

In Fond Memory: Billy Williams, July 16, 74; singer ("I'm Gonna Sit Right Down & Write Myself a Letter")...Big Mama Thornton, Jul 25, 57; R&B singer of 40's & 50's...Roger H. Lewis, Jul 26, 66; producer, writer...John DeWitt, Jul 20, 74; radio writer (David Harum, Our Gal Sunday)...Richard Burton, Aug 5, 58; well-known actor.

Publications Received: Old-Time Radio Digest; Mar-Apr: art. on Charlie McCarthy...May-June; art. on Lux Radio Theater...July-Aug; art. on Bob & Ray.

Convention '84: Just heard from Eddie Layton, well-known organist, who will attend our Convention and play for our radio show in the evening.

Write if you get work, and hang by your thumbs!

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## "KENNY"

Kenny Delmar, who entertained 20 million radio listeners each week as the bombastic Senator Claghorn on "The Fred Allen Show," died June 14, 1984, at the age of 73.

Born in Boston on September 5, 1910, he toured the country with his mother and aunt in a vaudeville team called the Delmar Sisters. At the age of 11, he made his motion picture debut in D. W. Griffith's "Orphans of the Storm" (starring Dorothy and Lillian Gish).

Delmar began acting in radio in 1936 and was soon appearing on twenty programs each week, frequently playing several different parts on each broadcast. His mastery of dialects and mimicry made him a fixture on such shows as "Cavalcade of America," "Columbia Workshop," and "The March of Time." He was Frank Sinatra's announcer on "Hit Parade" and filled in for Don Wilson when Jack Benny broadcast from New York.

Kenny Delmar played three roles on Orson Welles' famous "War of the Worlds" broadcast, including the Secretary of the Interior whose Rooseveltian tones helped convince a nation that the Martians had landed. He was a regular on "The Shadow," playing Police Commissioner Weston opposite Welles, Bill Johnstone, and Bret Morrison (and in 1 episode, filling in as The Shadow, who knew what evil lurked in the hearts of men).

In 1945, Delmar became an overnight sensation as the fast-talking, Dixie-loving Senator Beauregard Claghorn; the most famous denizen of "Allen's Alley." He cut two records as the Senator and stores sold Claghorn compasses that always pointed South. In 1947, Delmar went to Hollywood to portray Claghorn in a film, "It's a Joke, Son." He later starred in the Broadway musical, "Texas Li'l Darlin'," and provided the voices for numerous cartoon characters. His Claghorn character provided the inspiration for two other popular characters, Foghorn Leghorn (Warner Brothers' cartoon rooster) and Dogpatch Senator Jack S. Phogbound in "Li'l Abner." His stock expression, "That's a joke son," remains a much mimicked phrase.

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